

Aged, Dying Greek Premier Won't Give Up

Cabinet Called In Special Session

ATHENS, Greece, Nov. 27 (UPI)—Aged Premier Themistocles Sophoulis lay near death on an army cot in his office late today, but neither Mr. Sophoulis nor all of his doctors had abandoned hope.

He received the last rites of the Greek Orthodox Church this morning and his seven physicians said he was sinking fast. But young Dr. Constantine Samaras refused to give up.

He administered heart stimulants and injections until Mr. Sophoulis awoke from unconsciousness, asked for—and got—a second glass of beer and ate a meal of soup and yogurt.

It was the biggest meal the "Old Man" whose age has been variously estimated from 88 to 92, had eaten since he was stricken by a heart attack Wednesday night. He has not been moved from the cot since the attack.

Special Session

King Paul and American and British officials were notified of the gravity of Mr. Sophoulis' condition and the cabinet was ordered into special session.

Mr. Sophoulis himself sent word to Minister of War Constantine Rentis to step up operations against Communist guerrillas in the Peloponnesus area.

"Tell him he must get the troops in action within two weeks at the most," the premier said.

For the last rites, an ancient Byzantine icon was brought with great ceremony to the parliament building, where Mr. Sophoulis' office is located. Cabinet members, gendarmes and members of the onlooking crowd kissed the icon as it was carried along the corridor.

Mr. Sophoulis himself kissed the icon and then, as the service was conducted by a priest, fell asleep. The icon came originally from Crete and later was given to the Athens Byzantine church. According to legend, it has miraculous healing power.

Fight to the Last

Mr. Sophoulis said he knew he was "on the threshold of death," but he wanted to fight to the last.

The heart attack came just three days after Mr. Sophoulis had won a vote of confidence as premier by only one vote. He first took over as premier in September, 1947 at the persuasion of U. S. officials who wanted a board coalition government.

Early this month, a split in his own Liberal party forced him to resign. He was persuaded to continue as premier and last Sunday, by that slim one-vote margin, he remained in office.

Mr. Sophoulis' age was uncertain because he was born before adequate records were kept. In the summer of 1947, he told a United Press reporter that he was 88. That would make him 89 or 90 now.

'Borrowed' Navy Fails; 1-Man War On Reds Dropped

NEW YORK, Nov. 27 (UPI)—Edward Malickewitz decided today to drop his plans for a one-man naval attack on the Soviet Union in a "borrowed" auxiliary schooner.

He reluctantly reached his decision when he was charged in felony court with stealing the \$32,000 craft from Joseph B. Sandler of the Bronx.

Malickewitz, a 35-year-old unemployed laborer, said he decided to go after the Russians after a round of taverns Wednesday night. He said he saw the schooner in Flushing Bay, Queens, and climbed aboard. His plan was to sail for Poland, which he thought would be the best place to start hostilities.

He cast off the seven dock lines and started the two engines. But he forgot to turn on the gas lines from the fuel tanks. The engines conked out and the boat drifted aground at College Point.

Four Arrested in Ohio When Strikers Fight

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 27 (UPI)—Three pickets and a union organizer were charged with malicious destruction of property today after angry strikers turned over the automobile of a worker attempting to enter the strike-bound American Zinc Oxide Co. plant here.

Sheriff's deputies hauled 16 other pickets and another organizer to jail but no charges were placed against them. Deputies said, however, that the case would be referred to the county prosecutor and that additional charges could be filed. The flare-up began when the company refused to bargain with the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (CIO).

Cab Rider, 60, Unhurt in Crash With Tram

A 60-year-old taxi cab passenger escaped injury last night when the vehicle crashed into the rear of a streetcar at Illinois and Market Sts.

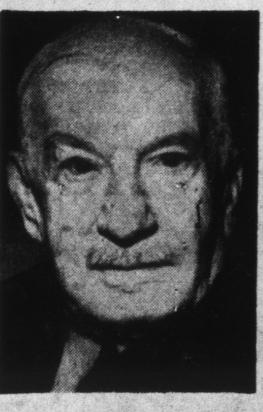
Mrs. Anna Pool, 2626 N. Ethel St., was taken to her home in a General Hospital ambulance.

Police identified the cab driver as Herbert Oates, 202 N. Walcott St.

Queen Ready to Sail

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Nov. 27 (UPI)—All the Queen Elizabeth's passengers, baggage and stores were aboard once again, ready to sail at the scheduled (2:15 a. m. Indianapolis time) tomorrow after a 10-day delay.

Near Death



Bloomington Gets Pumping Station

Bean Blossom Creek To Provide Water

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 27—An auxiliary pumping station on Bean Blossom Creek, which is expected to increase materially Bloomington's water supply, will go into operation soon.

Necessary parts to complete the line have arrived after months of delay. Immediate installation is promised by the Curry Construction Co.

Bloomington's water supply, which has long been a source of concern to city officials and Indiana University, will be made adequate by the addition of the Bean Blossom station, investigating engineers have stated.

Greek Premier Themistocles Sophoulis... the fight goes on... for country and for life.

Julius Huehn to Address Choir Leaders in Oratories

Directors Association To Meet Tuesday

The Indianapolis Choir Directors' Association will present Julius Huehn in a talk on "Oratorio and Its Use in the Church" Tuesday following a 6:30 p. m. dinner meeting in the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Huehn sang last year in the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra presentation of Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Elijah." He is the new head of the Jordan Conservatory voice department. The talk will be given with the thought that choir directors at this season are focusing on oratorios for Christmas music programs—particularly the "Messiah" by Handel.

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